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NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND OPPORTUNITY FOR A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING AN APPLICATION FOR A TIER I OPERATING PERMIT AND A FACILITY-WIDE TIER II OPERATING PERMIT AND PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT

PROPOSED ACTION: In accordance with IDAPA 58.01.01.364 and 404.02, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) announces a public comment period and an opportunity for a public hearing for Basic American Foods, a Division of Basic American, Inc., located at 40 East 7th North, Rexburg, Idaho, under Docket No. AQ-0817. DEQ proposes to concurrently issue modified facility-wide Tier II Operating Permit and Permit to Construct No. T2-2008.0109 (T2) and Tier I Operating Permit No. T1-2008.0110 (T1). The T2 permit modifies established permit conditions for the facility. The primary modification is a change to the allowable pressure drop range for the Kipper boiler multiclone. Other amended permit language is identified in the Statement of Basis. The T1 permit incorporates those permit conditions through a significant permit modification. DEQ has determined that operation according to the proposed permit conditions will not cause or contribute to violation of any ambient air quality standard and will not injure or unreasonably affect human or animal life or vegetation. DEQ proposes to issue modified Tier II Operating Permit and Permit to Construct No. T2-2008.0109 and modified Tier I operating permit No. T1-2008.0110. Permit No. T2-2008.0109 modifies and replaces T2-030515, and Permit No. T1-2008.0110 modifies and replaces T1-2008.0053.

<u>PUBLIC HEARING OPPORTUNITY:</u> An opportunity for a public hearing for interested persons to appear and submit written or oral comments may be provided if written requests are submitted to the undersigned on or before September 8, 2008. Hearing requests should include a brief statement explaining why a public hearing on the air quality aspects of the project would be beneficial.

The selected meeting site will be accessible to the physically disabled. Interpreters can be provided upon five days notice for persons with hearing impairments. For arrangements, contact the undersigned at (208) 373-0234. Braille or taped transcripts can be provided after the meeting for persons with visual impairments.

AVAILABILITY OF MATERIALS: The application materials, the proposed permits and Statements of Basis are available for public review on DEQ's website at http://www.deq.idaho.gov.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS, ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL

QUESTIONS: Anyone may submit written comment regarding the project and proposed action. To be most effective, comments should address air quality considerations and include support materials where available. Comments, requests, and questions regarding the public comment process should be directed to Faye Weber, Department of Environmental Quality, 1410 N. Hilton, Boise, ID 83706-1255, faye.weber@deq.idaho.gov, or (208) 373-0440. Please reference the company name and docket number when sending comments or requesting information. All

information regarding this matter, current and future, including the issuance of the final permits and Statements of Basis will be available on DEQ's website. You may elect to sign on to DEQ's list serve and receive electronic information automatically at http://www.deq.idaho.gov.

For technical assistance on questions concerning this project or the permitting process, please contact Zach Klotovich at (208) 373-0502 or zach.klotovich@deq.idaho.gov.

All written comments concerning this proposal must be directed to and received by the undersigned on or before 5:00 p.m. MST/MDT, September 22, 2008.

DATED this 22nd day of August, 2008.

Faye Weber Air Quality Division